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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 94 (see A/55/581, para. 2). Action on sub-item (d) was taken at the 19th and 36th plenary meetings, on 20 October and 22 November 2000. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.19 and 36).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.8 and A/C.2/55/L. 37

2. At the 19th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" (A/C.2/55/L.8), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 48/165 of 21 December 1983, 49/95 of 19 December 1994, 50/122 of 20 December 1995, 51/174 of 16 December 1995,

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52/186 of 18 December 1997, 53/181 of 15 December 1998 and 54/213 of 22 December 1999,

"*Recalling also* the adoption of the Agenda for Development and the relevant provisions on its follow-up and implementation, and the need to give impetus to international economic cooperation for development so as to follow up on the Agenda effectively,

"*Reaffirming* the importance of continuing the dialogue to be conducted in response to the imperative of solidarity, mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership in promoting international economic cooperation for development,

"*Taking note* of the need to ensure the integrated and coordinated follow-up and implementation by the United Nations system of the outcome of major United Nations conferences and summits,

"*Taking note also* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership', concerning the past experience of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

"1. *Reaffirms* the importance of continued constructive dialogue and genuine partnership to further promote international economic cooperation for development in the twenty-first century;

"2. *Reiterates* the overall theme adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/213, namely, 'Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century';

"3. *Endorses* the agreement reached at the intergovernmental consultations, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, whereby the two sub-themes of the second high-level dialogue would be (a) 'Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financial resources to complement development efforts' and (b) 'Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access for developing countries to information and communication technology', and decides that the high-level dialogue will be convened for two days immediately prior to the commencement of the general debate at the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, that the high-level dialogue shall consist of plenary meetings, ministerial round-table meetings and informal panels, and that the final outcome of the dialogue will be a summary by the President, to be presented at the closure of the event;

"4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to continue preparations for the second high-level dialogue, in close collaboration with Member States and taking into account the experience of the first high-level dialogue, as well as recent experience in the preparation and organization of high-level events;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system, and other

relevant stakeholders, to prepare for the second high-level dialogue, taking into account the results of major United Nations conferences and summits, General Assembly resolution 54/213, the outcome of the consultations held by the Chairperson of the Second Committee, any further guidance provided by Member States and the outcome of the consideration of the relevant item by the General Assembly at its current session;

"6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development and international economic cooperation', the sub-item entitled 'High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership', and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session a consolidated report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At the 36th meeting, on 22 November, the Chairman of the Committee, Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced a draft resolution entitled "High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" (A/C.2/55/L.37), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37 (see para. 6).

5. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/165 of 21 December 1993, 49/95 of 19 December 1994, 50/122 of 20 December 1995, 51/174 of 16 December 1996, 52/186 of 18 December 1997, 53/181 of 15 December 1998 and 54/213 of 22 December 1999,

Recalling also its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, entitled "United Nations Millennium Declaration",

Recalling further the adoption of the Agenda for Development[1] and the relevant provisions on its follow-up and implementation, and the need to give impetus to international economic cooperation for development so as to follow up on the Agenda effectively,

Reaffirming the importance of continuing the dialogue to be conducted in response to the imperative of solidarity, mutual interests and benefits, genuine

[1] Resolution 51/240, annex.

interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership in promoting international economic cooperation for development,

Recognizing, in this context, the importance of an enabling environment and sound economic policy at both the national and international levels,

Taking note of the need to ensure the integrated and coordinated follow-up and implementation by the United Nations system of the outcome of major United Nations conferences and summits,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership",[2] concerning the past experience of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of continued constructive dialogue and genuine partnership to further promote international economic cooperation for development in the twenty-first century;

2. *Reiterates* the overall theme adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/213, namely, "Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century";

3. *Endorses* the agreement reached at the intergovernmental consultations, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[2] whereby the two sub-themes of the second high-level dialogue would be (a) "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financial resources to complement development efforts" and (b) "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access for developing countries to information and communication technology", and decides that the high-level dialogue will be convened for two days immediately prior to the commencement of the general debate at the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, that the high-level dialogue shall consist of plenary meetings, ministerial round-table meetings and informal panels, including with the participation of non-governmental actors, and that the final outcome of the dialogue will be a summary by the President, to be presented at the closure of the event;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to continue preparations for the second high-level dialogue, in close collaboration with Member States and taking into account the experience of the first high-level dialogue, as well as recent experience in the preparation and organization of high-level events;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, to prepare for the second high-level dialogue, taking into account the results of major United Nations conferences and summits, General Assembly resolution 54/213, the outcome of the consultations held by the

[2] A/55/314.

Chairperson of the Second Committee, any further guidance provided by Member States and the outcome of the consideration of the relevant item by the General Assembly at its current session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation", the sub-item entitled "High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session a consolidated report on the implementation of the present resolution.